

## CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1           1. (previously presented) A method of making an  
2 elongated structural component having regions of different  
3 thicknesses along a length thereof matched to different loads  
4 adapted to be applied to said component, the method comprising the  
5 steps of sequentially:

6           (a) rolling flexible metal strip so as to form along a  
7 length thereof rolled strip segments of different wall thickness;

8           (b) cutting from the flexible rolled strip sheet bars  
9 having regions of the different wall thicknesses formed by rolling  
10 in step (a) and matched to different loads to be applied to the  
11 component;

12           **(b') providing in said strip at thinner segments thereof**  
13 **corrugations compensating for thickness differences in said strip**  
14 **and facilitating stacking thereof;**

          (c) reshaping each sheet bar cut from the rolled strip in  
step (b) to a final configuration of the respective structural  
component in at least one forming step in at least one hot-forming  
tool; and

          (d) hardening the respective reshaped sheet bar thereof  
in the respective hot-forming tool.

1           2. (previously presented) The method defined in claim  
2 1, further comprising the steps of:

3 marking positions of strip segments of different wall  
4 thicknesses prior to cutting step (b); and  
5 in cutting step (b) positioning a cut contour precisely  
6 using the positions marked on the strip.

7 3 - 5. (canceled)